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# DA Ordered 2 Beaten, Says Gurvich in Test

Onetime DA's investigative aide William Gurvich told a lie detector examiner in Chicago that Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison once ordered the "arrest, handcuffing and physical beating" of two television newsmen.

The charge was contained in a list of 15 questions and answers released to the press yesterday by Gurvich and his attorney.

**THE QUESTIONS** and answers were taken from a polygraph test to which Gurvich, a private detective, submitted himself Monday.

John E. Reid, the polygraph examiner, said there were "no significant emotional disturbances indicative of deception in this subject's polygraph record on" the questions.

"It is the opinion of the examiner, based on this subject's polygraph records, that he is telling the truth on the above listed questions," Reid said in summary.

At one point, Gurvich was asked:

"On May 17 did Garrison order the arrest of Walter Sheridan and Rick Townley in your presence?"

A transcript of the lie detector test quotes Gurvich as answering, "Yes."

Sheridan, a National Broadcasting Co. news staff member, and Townley, a newsman for NBC's New Orleans affiliate, WDSU-TV, have been charged by Garrison during the past several days with public bribery of state witnesses.

**TOWNLEY** voluntarily posted $7,500 bond after an arrest warrant was issued for him. Sheridan told a news conference in New York Wednesday he will come to New Orleans shortly to answer the allegation.

The next question asked Gurvich was: "Did Garrison order the arrest, handcuffing and physical beating o Sheridan and Townley?"

Gurvich was quoted as answering, "Yes."

Other questions, together with Gurvich's responses, were listed by the polygraph laboratory this way:

1. Were you a key member of Garrison's staff in the Kennedy assassination probe? Answer: Yes.

2 and 3 concerned Sheridan and Townley.

4. **DID JAMES** Alcock (assistant DA) in your presence oppose the arrest of Sheridan and Townley on legal grounds? Answer: Yes.

5. Did Garrison respond to Alcock, "Don't be so legalistic"? Answer: Yes.

6. Did Alcock say to you that if you and he had been in New Orleans, Garrison would not have arrested Shaw March 1. Answer: Yes.

(Retired businessman Clay L. Shaw has been indicted for conspiring to murder President Kennedy. Others, according to Garrison, who took part in the alleged conspiracy were accused assassin Lee Harvey Oswald; nightclub owner Jack Ruby, who shot and killed Oswald; and former airline pilot David W. Ferrie. All except Shaw are dead.)

7. Did Charles Ward (chief Asst. DA) say to you that Shaw's arrest was done on raw political power only? Answer: Yes.

8. **DID GARRISON** discuss with you and others his plan to raid the New Orleans FBI office with red pepper guns? Answer: Yes.

9. Did Sciambra's (Asst. DA Andrew Sciambra) report of the early interview with Russo mention anything of the plot to assassinate Kennedy involving Shaw, Ferrie and Oswald? Answer: No.

10. Did Garrison discuss in your presence the desire to extend the term of the Orleans Parish Grand Jury for another six months? Answer: Yes.

11. Did Charles Ward tell Garrison that there was no way he could legally extend the grand jury's term? Answer: Yes.

12. **WAS GARRISON** advised that the conspiracy to commit burglary involving Sergio Arcacha Smith and Gordon Novel took place outside his jurisdiction: Answer: Yes.

13. After receiving the polygraph report, did Garrison bring Vernon Bundy into court over the objection of Ward, Alcock and (Asst. DA Alvin) Oser? Answer: Yes.

14. Have you received or been promised anything of value from anyone for telling about Garrison's actions in the Kennedy probe? Answer: No.

15. Did Garrison divulge to members of the news media the names of three prominent New Orleanians as being accessories after the fact in the assassination of President Kennedy? Answer: Yes.

Gurvich defected from Garrison's staff several weeks ago, paid a visit to Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in Washington and later told newsmen Garrison's investigation was a "fraud."

He has appeared twice before the Orleans Parish Grand Jury, and Wednesday handed jurors copies of the lie detector transcript.

In New Orleans today, Garrison's office filed a sheaf of memoranda in support of its denial of requests by attorneys for Shaw.

**LAST MONTH** the Shaw side filed motions for a bill of particulars, prayer for oyer and suppression of evidence. Fifteen days ago the defense filed its memoranda in support of the motions and today was the deadline set by Criminal Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Jr. for the state to file its answering memoranda.

The document, signed by assistant DA's James L. Alcock and Richard V. Burnes, argued that Shaw's indictment sets forth all the information to which Shaw is entitled.

In addition, it stated, the prosecution has further revealed that Jack Ruby was a member of the alleged conspiracy and that a meeting took place in Baton Rouge in furtherance of the plot.

The remainder of the 93 items requested by Shaw's lawyers, the DA's maintained, are "obviously an attempt to obtain knowledge of the evidence relied upon by the state to prove its case, which the law does not require the state to disclose in advance of trial."

Judge Haggerty said he will take both sides' briefs under consideration and later rule on the three motions.